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Whitman's revolving door keeps on spinning

TRENTON—Citing the case of a former lobbyist for utility companies that recently assumed a top post in the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Assembly Deputy Minority Leader Bob Smith has charged that "the revolving door in the Whitman administration is spinning out of control."

"The Whitman administration's revolving door has witnessed more in-and-out traffic than the U.S. Post Office on the deadline day for tax-filers," said Smith. "This cozy and incestuous relationship between big-business lobbyists and the Whitman administration is bad news for the environment and New Jersey residents."

According to Smith the latest business lobbyist to join the Whitman administration is Jane Kelly, formerly of the New Jersey Utilities Association. Kelly recently assumed the post of Assistant Commissioner at the state Department of Environmental Protection. Smith said it is his understanding that Kelly will likely be responsible for all external affairs of the DEP, including intergovernmental relations, legal affairs, legislation and communications.

"When a position opens in the Whitman administration, it is almost as if the governor has a knee jerk reaction to fill it with a big-business advocate," Smith said. "The problem

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COMMENTARY

Flag belongs to all races, creeds, colors

by Reverend Imogene B. Stewart

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was still a young, unknown Southern preacher when he taught me to respect our country and its flag. It was about 1957, I believe, when as a young girl from Dublin, Georgia, I spent the summer in the Citizenship Education Program of Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. I can hear his lesson as if it were today. There is glory in citizenship. Dr. King said, "We don't want haters. Our country must not be all we want it to be, but that will change. Respect your country. Honor its flag. So this proud American would like to send a message to Capitol Hill. We pass a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical harm. Right now such outrageous acts as burning the flag are actually protected as a form of free speech. When I see someone treating the flag like that it hits me in my gut. But because of a 1989 Supreme Court decision, an amendment is the only way possible to give the flag the protection it deserves. Let's pass this amendment and let the states—forty-six of which have already passed resolutions of support—ratify it.

As sometimes happens, the de-

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Minister Louis Farrakhan ELVES WAKE-UP CALL

by Sherry Burrus

NEWARK—"Speak leader, speak!" echoed throughout Newark Symphony Hall when Nation of Islam (NOI) leader, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, delivered his clear-cut message to the City of Newark and African Americans in general—Wake Up!

Symphony Hall is still ringing from the NOI leader's two hour and forty-five minute address which served as a wake-up call for African Americans.

The minister warned blacks to wake up to the "injustices" of this country, wake-up and obey the "Laws of God," and most importantly to wake-up and own up to their responsibilities.

"The nation has been traumatized because of a vicious act of

terrorism and the bombing in Oklahoma...and we wonder what is America coming to?...America the beautiful is becoming America the ugly...It's rough being black in white America."

"There's more stress on the black man than a n y o n e else...your refuge has to be in God and if God is not in your life you have no ability to withstand the fall of the world. The bombing is only the beginning!" he cautioned.

The NOI leader says there is only one true "judge" (God) and he is angry at what is going on in society. "You should be aware of the Laws of God," Farrakhan said to the audi-

ence, some of whom watched on closed circuit monitors set up to accommodate the overcrowded Hall.

"There is no hiding place. You think because the police didn't see it, you got away. You think because you got a slick talking lawyer, you've gotten away. Hell no! If you think justice depended on a jive

and an ignorant jury and fine looking, slick talking lawyer, who can best any case with a little bit of money. You're a fool! God's justice is with you and you will pay not just in this life, but you sentence your children to the effects of your own wicked-

"The reason the world is going to hell is because it is run by men and there is no balance..."

comes, some of whom watched on closed circuit monitors set up to accommodate the overcrowded Hall.

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Minister Louis Farrakhan delivers wake-up message to thousands at the Newark Symphony Hall. Photo by Sandra Wright

BUFNU honors corporate and community leaders

NEWARK—The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUFNU) recently paid tribute to four corporate and two community leaders at its annual "Victory Celebration," held at the Black United Fund Community Center in Plainfield.

Saluting the spirit of self-help and volunteerism, the "Victory Celebration" is an annual event which highlights the many significant contributions that BUFNU volunteers have made over the last year.

The Walter Bremford Corporate Award, named after the founder of the National Black United Fund, is awarded to a corporation which best demonstrates and supports the ideals of self-help and volunteerism. The Robert M. Wisdom, Jr. Volunteer Service Award is presented to an individual or group that best exemplifies volunteerism.

This year's recipients of the Walter Bremford Corporate Award are First Fidelity Bancorporation, accepted by Fleeta Barnes, Senior VP for Public Affairs; PSEG, accepted by Peter Cistaro, VP for Gas Distribution; Johnson & Johnson, accepted by the corporation's "Honor Group"; and St. Michael's Medical Center, accepted by Hospital Administrator, Dominick Caligi.

The Robert Wisdom, Jr. Volunteer Service Award was presented to Leniah Johnson, chairman of the BUF



Pictured (l-r) are: Lloyd J. Oxford, President, BUFNU; Fleeta Barnes, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, First Fidelity Bancorporation; Brenda Johnson, Minority Interchange, Dr. Marilyn Goodwin, Chair, BUFNU, Board of Directors; Leniah Johnson, Chairman of the BUF Ocean County Volunteer Board; and Dominick Caligi, Administrator, St. Michael's Medical Center.

Ocean County Volunteer Board, and to the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Minority Interchange, Inc.

BUFNU planned the event to recognize these corporate friends for outstanding service relative to voluntarism, financial, campaign, and kind support. said BUFNU President, Lloyd Oxford. "We're equally pleased to pay homage to these community leaders for exceptional sa-

port, confidence, and steadfast dedication to both philanthropy and BUFNU's mission," he added.

BUFNU is the only independent black philanthropic organization in the state. "By reinvesting in human needs that threaten New Jersey's African-American community, we're able to strengthen the community, family by family," said Oxford.

COMMENTARY

Was opposition to affirmative action cause for Oklahoma City bombing?

by Arturo Silva

Members of the African-American group Project 21 have denounced syndicated columnist Carl Rowan's claim on the television show "Inside Washington" that the Oklahoma City bombing and conservative opposition to affirmative action are linked.

"I am absolutely certain the harsh rhetoric of the Gungahies and the Dokes...creates a climate of violence in America. We're talking about Americans who have been told that affirmative action means blacks have stolen everything from white guys," said Rowan while explaining that the bombing can be attributed to the "angriest of the angry white men."

Project 21 members say blaming the terrorism in Oklahoma City on conservative opposition to preferential employment is a desperate attempt to silence critics of affirmative action, and say that equal opportunity for all Americans will never be realized as long as government mandates that employers base hiring decisions on factors other than merit.

Attempts by journalists like Carl

Rowan to link conservative rhetoric on affirmative action to the Oklahoma City bombing is similar to claiming that civil rights advocates instigated the Black Panthers,' pointed Ramona Rogers, a Project 21 Advisory Committee member and member of the California State Republican Central Committee.

The current debate over affirmative action started in California where the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) is expected to be placed on the ballot in 1996. CCRI would abolish all of the State of California's affirmative action programs based on preferences for one group over another.

Rogers says CCRI is a good idea. "Affirmative action is on the wane. It has done little good for African Americans and much harm to the economy. The American taxpayer—not only the 'angry white male'—see disillusioned with the attempts of government agencies to use reverse discrimination to redress the legacies of minorities against discrimination. What we need is a fair enforcement of existing civil rights

laws, not more discrimination on the part of government."

A recent Gallup poll showed 60 percent support for CCRI among registered voters. National polls have shown that 72 percent of the American people think that minorities should not receive preferential treatment in hiring, promotions and college admissions.

According to a New Vision Commentary written by Horace Cooper, Legislative Counsel to House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX) and a Project 21 member, President Clinton's call for a reevaluation of affirmative action is based on polls rather than any change in the President's point of view. "As the President's pollster Stanley Greenberg recently announced, affirmative action is a political non-starter. Hence, the President's plan for an overhaul. One of the most contentious issues of the last 25 years is being treated by the Democrats as merely a matter for pollsters to decide," wrote Cooper.

Although President Clinton has said he favors reevaluating affirmative

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Focus shifts in elementary school strip-search

by Sherry Burrus

PLAINFIELD—Shouting matches, apologies, finger pointing, name calling and raging tempers abounded at a meeting at Jefferson Elementary School...all because, according to Plainfield superintendent Larry Levertt, "a good principal made a terribly bad decision." She ordered school officials to conduct a strip-search of a class of third graders.

On April 12, Jefferson School principal, Evelyn Baker ordered school officials to strip-search an entire class of third graders in an attempt to recover money a student reportedly stole—eleven dollars of the missing \$24 was recovered in a desk prior to the strip-search.

Girls and boys were instructed by the principal to line up and were then taken into separate closets and asked to lower their pants and undergarments, in addition to removing socks and shoes, in an attempt to recover the remaining \$13.

Parents vowed not to speak to the media at the meeting held May 3, by Plainfield Superintendent Larry Levertt. The meeting was called with parents to clear-up any speculation and answer any questions that parents may have had. At the beginning of the meeting Dr. Levertt stated, "This was an isolated incident where a good principal made a terribly bad decision," saying that

Jefferson school was the best elementary school in Plainfield.

Levertt explained that under the Plainfield Board of Education regulations, students or persons may be searched by school officials if they have reasonable grounds to believe that illegal or prohibited substances or objects are present.

Under no circumstance shall a search be conducted based solely on an anonymous tip or rumor that contraband is present. Lockers are subject to administrative searches in the interest of school safety, sanitation and discipline, and a search by law enforcement officials with a proper warrant is valid. Students are informed when lockers are assigned.

"There is no situation that justifies the removal of clothing by an employee of the public schools of Plainfield," said Levertt.

Parents expressed concerns about the safety of their children in the presence of the school officials, and on school grounds, as a result of the incident and the presence of Baker, who is still at the school.

"How do we know this won't happen again?" one parent demanded to know.

Levertt reassured the audience that this was an isolated situation at the school and that the safety of the children are well considered. "If I

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A cry for hope... Paterson youth address problems at summit

PATERSON—Paterson High School's youth summit, a city-wide initiative organized by Veronica Taylor, program developer of church and community resource center of Paterson will be presenting a youth summit, Saturday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Passaic County College.

The theme for the summit is, "A cry of hope, a call for action." The mission of the summit is to empower the youth with strategies and solutions to take action, to control and improve their lives, they will participate in a meaningful forum to discuss critical issues and dialogue with youth service providers, parents, politicians and clergy that they are facing today.

The planning committee which

is the Paterson high schools youth summit, is composed of 30 community-based organizations, churches and schools. As a team, the committee determines the scope, goals, outcome and the panel members for the youth summit.

"It takes a whole community to raise a child," says Miss Taylor, the educational system and the community must make an investment in today's youth by providing programs and services for a healthy, wholesome development, with the assistance of the Paterson board of education and the private schools there will be some 500 youth delegates participating in two workshops.

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PEOPLE

Clyde Allen receives LoveJoy Award



Clyde C. Allen, director of trade marketing for The House of Seagram (second from right) receiving the LoveJoy Award from the Elks Grand Lodge (l) Jean C.W. Smith, Donald P. Wilson and Carl O. Dickerson (r). The LoveJoy Award is presented to people who have made great contributions for the advancement of all people.

Celebrating for a cause



EAST ORANGE—Pictured from (l-r) Bianca Jagger and U.S. Rep. Robert Torricelli, East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper and his wife, Sandy at the recent Mental Health Association of Essex County's silver lining ball. The event, held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, honored state senator Richard Codey and his wife, Mary Jo. Cooper, presented the Codeys with a proclamation from the City of East Orange.

Plainfield resident wins Spirit of Excellence Award

PLAINFIELD—Richard Graves, Jr., a resident of Plainfield and an employee of the Westfield Public Works Department, recently received the 1995 Saint Barnabas Health Care System Spirit of Excellence Award for his commitment to consistently delivering quality customer service.

Graves, along with 29 other individuals, was honored during an awards dinner April 11 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. Recipients of the Spirit of Excellence Award were cited for their willingness to go "above and beyond the call of duty" and for their ability to "make others smile and feel good."

Nominated by Robert Carretta, an employee of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Graves was commended for "his public spirit."

"During the snow storm on February 4, 1995, many cars on my block were stuck in snow drifts. Mr. Graves was assigned to plow my street, and he stopped at everyone's home and



Richard Graves

helped push all of the cars out. He then plowed the street in such a way that he didn't block any of the resident's driveways. He made an intolerable situation tolerable and refused to take any monetary reward, with the comment that he was just happy to help," Carretta wrote on his nomination form.

DID YOU KNOW?

by Robert M. Taylor

DID YOU KNOW......that according to a Wall Street Journal survey, big U.S. companies saw their profits surge by 48 percent during the first quarter of this year. With CD's paying three percent and savings accounts paying five percent, it is obvious that if you want to make money you should either be in business or at least investing in one.

DID YOU KNOW......that the top market for selling books in America is San Jose, California followed by New York City, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

DID YOU KNOW......that new evidence discovered by a team of George Washington University researchers suggests that the type of sophisticated thinking associated with the development of modern society actually began in Africa and not Europe as is widely believed. The researchers conclude that complex thinking began in Africa about 75,000 years ago and not 40,000 years ago in Europe and Asia.

DID YOU KNOW......that according to the National Highway Safety Administration, two-thirds of American drivers buckle up when they drive. The Transportation Department estimates that seat belts save better than 5,000 lives a year.

DID YOU KNOW......that motivational expert, Su Kamen suggests that you turn negatives into positives by starting each day with a set of positive thoughts. He says take 10 to 15 minutes at the beginning of each day to simply generate constructive energy by deep breathing and thinking only about positive things.

DID YOU KNOW......that according to the latest government reports, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer in America. Labor Secretary Robert Reich reported last week that "virtually all" of the increase in average family income since 1978 has gone to the top 20% of the population while the bottom 20% has actually lost 15% of its average family income.

DID YOU KNOW......that from birth through college it costs about \$250,000 to raise the typical child.

DID YOU KNOW......that heart disease is the nation's number one killer but reducing your risk may be relatively simple. According to the health bulletin-Men's Confidential-two of the best things you can do for your heart are get regular exercise and get a good night's sleep.

DID YOU KNOW......that if your snoring is keeping your partner awake at night, the experts say there are three things you can do: 1) Lose some weight (heavier people are more likely to snore than leaner people), 2) Sleep on your side instead of your back and 3) Whistle (studies show that singing and whistling help tone the muscles which cause one to snore).

DID YOU KNOW......that a 10-year study has confirmed what most dieters had already figured out: An overweight body actually fights attempts to lose pounds. According to a team at New York's Rockefeller University, the body will slow down its metabolism (burn fewer calories) if it feels you are losing weight too rapidly. The study suggests that the best way to drop unwanted pounds is slowly and by combining a daily exercise program.

Veronica Taylor receives Volunteer of The Year Award

HAWTHORNE—Veronica Taylor of Paterson and Jeffrey Roper of North Haledon have both been presented with the "Volunteer of the Year Award" by Senator John A. Giganti.

"Once again America pays tribute to the 100 million men, women, and young people who give their times, talents and resources to community organizations. People with this level of commitment have taken responsibility in building our society," stated Giganti at the recent awards dinners held in North Haledon.



Veronica Taylor

Community Calendar

NEWARK—Korea: Religious and Traditional and "Explore Korea: A Visit to Grandfather's House" exhibits open at the Newark Museum. For more info call 201-596-6550.

PLAINFIELD—Registration is now open for children grades Pre-K thru 1st Holy Family School. For more info call 908-755-0930.

NOW THRU MAY 10
PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America sponsors several Spring Basic Training Workshops at Plainfield Public Library on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7998.

NOW THRU MAY 11
HACKENSACK—"Making Positive Changes" support group helping women take control over their lives at the Career and Life Counseling Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-343-6000, Ext. 3345.

SOMERVILLE—"How Fine Art Prints are Made" exhibit at the Council's North Branch galleries. For more info call 508-725-2110.

NOW THRU MAY 14
ATTENTION—Five-part Nature series "Thomas of the Wind" airs on PBS at 8 p.m.

NOW THRU JUNE 4
NEW YORK—The Whitney Museum of American Art will present the 1995 Biennial Exhibition. For more info call 212-534-1872.

Exhibit at The Museum of the City of New York. For more info call 212-534-1872.

NOW THRU JUNE 10
NEWARK—Poetry Festival Programs at the Newark Public Library. For more info call 201-643-3600.

NOW THRU JUNE 25
MONTCLAIR—Native jewelry making workshop at The Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 201-746-5555.

NOW THRU JULY 30
NEW YORK—"New York Saved: Thirty Years of Landmarks Preservation" exhibit at The Museum of the City of New York. For more info call 212-534-1872.

MONTH OF MAY
NEWARK—"Newark Shape-Up '95" (including after-work, work-out sessions) at Symphony Hall's Dance Studio. For more info call 201-623-4621.

MAY 9 THRU JUNE 13
HACKENSACK—Support Group for Grandparents at Bergen County Technical Schools from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 3345.

MAY 8 - 29
NEWARK—Attention playwrights submit your work in the upcoming Summer Playwriting Festival sponsored by African Globe TheatreWorks. There is a non-refundable submission fee of \$10. For more info call 201-624-1584.

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NATION

National News
at a glanceNEW THINKING: COMPLEX
STUDY BEGAN IN
AFRICA

New evidence strongly suggests that the complex thinking and behavior normally associated with modern humans began in Africa about 75,000 years before they appeared in Europe and Asia. A team of anthropologists led by George Washington University's Alison S. Brooks concluded the new evidence "shows that humans in Africa had invented sophisticated technologies long before their European counterparts." The findings are significant because while most experts now acknowledge that human life began in Africa, the prevailing theory was that the complex thinking necessary for major cultural advancements did not arise until about 40,000 years ago in Europe and Asia. The new evidence—consisting mostly of carved animal bones, spears and sophisticated weapons to catch fish—appears to suggest that such thinking existed in Africa about 75,000 years ago. The team of 12 dozen researchers was led by Brooks and her husband John E. Yellen, director of the National Science Foundation's archaeology program.—WASHINGTON, DC

MURDER-FOR-HIRE
CHARGES DROPPED
AGAINST MALCOLM X'S
DAUGHTER

Government prosecutors last week agreed to drop murder-for-hire charges against the daughter of slain black nationalist leader Malcolm X. In exchange, Qutub Shahbaz, 34, had to agree to undergo psychiatric, drug and alcohol treatment. Shahbaz, in effect, accepted responsibility for her involvement in a plot to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. The family of Malcolm X has long believed that Farrakhan played a role in the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X. But for its part the government acknowledged that its case against Shahbaz was weak, especially since much of it was based upon the statements of a paid government informant. Farrakhan had accused the government of framing Shahbaz in a bid to create controversy between his followers and other blacks. As a technical matter the charges will not actually be dropped for another two years giving Shahbaz a chance to complete the stipulated treatment.—MINNEAPOLIS, MN

BLACK WEALTH
BUILDING SEMINAR IN
CANADA

The Better Life Club of America, a Washington, D.C.-based black wealth building organization has been conducting a series of day-long wealth building seminars in cities around the nation for approximately two years. But now group leaders have decided to take their wealth building programs international. The first foreign wealth build-

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Federal Judges to Honor New NAACP Chair

WASHINGTON, DC—In an act unprecedented in NAACP's 86-year history, seven black federal judges will gather in the nation's capital on Sunday, May 14, for a ceremonial swearing-in of its new chair, Mrs. Myrla Evers-Williams.

The jurists are conducting this ceremony to symbolize broad national support for Evers-Williams and the "new NAACP" as "a vital force in protecting the racial, social and economic health of America," according to Judge Damon J. Keith of Detroit, a member of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The swearing-in ceremony will follow a separate event at which some 2,000 leaders of the nation's greatest corporations, churches, labor unions and civic groups will make contributions with which to wipe out the \$4 million debt that recently almost destroyed the NAACP.

"We already have pledges of more than \$2 million that will be delivered on May 14," said C. Delores Tucker, chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, who has organized the occasion along with Judge Keith and journalist Carl Rowan.

"We will retire that debt," Mrs. Tucker said, "and the entire nation will see that once again we have an

NAACP with leaders of great integrity and dedication. The May 14 ceremonies will show that the NAACP will again be a force in the economic, political and social life of this country."

Rowan, whose columns helped to provoke the change in leadership of an NAACP said, "There is a time to criticize and expose and a time to rebuild. We have a veritable army of American leaders who are joining in the rebuilding just when we desperately need an NAACP that can help save the nation from the racial polarization, the class warfare and the meanness that threatens us all."

Evers-Williams, whose husband was assassinated in Mississippi more than 30 years ago, won a bitterly contested election for chairmanship of the NAACP on February 18.

This history-making "inaugural" for Evers-Williams will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, at the Metropolitan AME Church here, where Frederick Douglass once worshipped. The other judges participating in the ceremony are:

Robert L. Carter, U.S. Southern District of New York; A. Leon Higginbottom, Jr., retired Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Norma Holloway Johnson, U.S. District Court, the Dis-

trict of Columbia; Nathaniel R. Jones, U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Matthew Perry, U.S. District Court, Columbia, S.C.; and Judith W. Rogers, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. These judges will not participate in the fundraising event.

Among the philanthropic groups represented will be the Gannett Foundation and the Freedom Forum which, combined, have pledged a half million dollars. The Coca-Cola Company and other foundations will be represented.

Giving hundreds of thousands of

dollars will be Chrysler Corporation, Nissan Motors, Ford Motor Company and General Motors.

The major groupings of the black church in America will send representatives, as will the major fraternities and sororities.

Thirteen winners of the Springam Medal, the NAACP's highest honor, are serving as honorary chairs of this event. Among them are: General Colin Powell, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr. Maya Angelou, and Rosa L. Parks, of the Montgomery Bus Boycott fame.

More than 100 of the nation's

most distinguished leaders, black and white, are serving on the Inaugural Committee. Among them are: Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Laue Kirkland, Vernon Jordan, Lloyd Cutler and Denzel Washington.

Sponsors of this event, emphasize that they wish first to certify Evers-Williams as "the voice of lawfulness and justice in a violence-plagued nation praying for tranquility." They seek, secondly, to give her, "an unfettered, new beginning as we endow the NAACP for another generation of noble struggle in search of justice," Rowan said.

African American Summit convenes

by Robert W. Bogle
President of NNPA

DAKAR, SENEGAL—The greatest gathering in history of African government officials and African-American civil rights, government and business leaders was held recently in this west African country, under the banner of "Building a bridge of togetherness."

Over 3,000 delegates from the African continent and America "joined hands and minds" under the words and leadership of American civil rights leader Rev. Leon H. Sullivan and Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, with stated objectives of promoting trade and investment between Americans and government, and individuals in over 40 African countries.

The joining of hands and minds included trade and development discussions focused around: Information and technology transfer; education for more blacks; the dynamics of population growth; conflict resolu-

tions; HIV/AIDS containment and agricultural development.

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy said that blacks in Africa and America should take better advantage of trade agreements that most developed countries already enjoy together.

Former California Congressman Mervyn Dymally, who has formed an international trading company, said, "scores of trading programs already exist that blacks have not taken sufficient advantage of."

The summit, the third between blacks in the U.S. and Africa, is designed to increase cooperation between Black Americans and the African continent.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown represented President Clinton at the summit, meeting with more than 20 African heads of state.

On opening day, the African-American delegates outnumbered the representatives from African countries, but that numerical imbalance

was expected to tip the other way when a thousand more Africans were scheduled to arrive midweek.

A large cross-section of African-American leaders in various fields were present. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr. were among the best known leaders of various civil rights organizations.

Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, DC and Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, AL, joined hands with mayors from Dakar, Gambia, Indiana and others from cities and towns around the world.

Black political leaders from American city, state and national legislatures were on hand with their counterparts from Senegal, Gambia, Togo and other African countries.

The summit ended May 6, and according to Rev. Sullivan, with many "determined to create a world with better understanding between people of color."

Black Caucus to co-sponsor
legislative summit

WASHINGTON, DC—The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) will convene an African American Legislative Summit, May 19-20. The conference will be held at the Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel in Washington, DC.

The African American Legislative Summit will bring together Congressional Black Caucus Members and black state and local elected officials to examine strategies and viable solutions to critical national legislative and public policy issues facing black America.

The elected officials will also develop an action plan to counter the proposed GOP legislation surrounding Contract with America addressing issues including: Affirmative action, welfare reform, budget cuts, education, the Crime Bill, political redistricting, and employment and job training.

"Because the GOP controlled Congress has proposed legislation that will dramatically impact black communities across the nation, black elected officials from all regions of government must, now more than ever, join together to defend the liberties of African Americans," said Mr. Quentin Lawson, executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

This conference will be an historical and monumental gathering in which black political leaders will discuss the impact of these legislative initiatives, and develop new alternatives to assist African Americans, especially the poor and disadvantaged," Lawson concluded.

The first of its kind, the Legislative Summit is an expansion of the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference, which for 24 years has provided

a national forum for the exploration of legislative and public policy issues. Throughout the conference, Members of the Congressional Black Caucus

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YOUTH BEAT

Resort seeks to protect teens

KIDS CALENDAR

ATTENTION:
PLAINFIELD—Day Camp for youth with developmental disabilities. For more info contact The Arc of Union County at 908-754-2550.

MORRISTOWN—Summer classes will be held at Morristown-Beard School from June to August for grades 5 thru 12. For a brochure or more info call 201-539-3032.

CRANFORD—Eight Summer Sports Camp, for youth 8-15 sponsored by Union County College and Union County Div. of Parks and Rec. For more info call 908-709-7602.

PLAINFIELD—"Register now for Summerfest" day camp for Plainfield girls in grades 1-5. For more info call 908-232-3236.

NOW THRU MAY 20
NEWARK—"Camp Watershed," overnight camping program on Saturdays and Sundays. For more info call 201-733-6454.

NOW THRU JUNE 8
NEW YORK—Horticulture Tours every Sunday at 12:30 and 6 p.m. Meet at Regatta Gate for More info call 212-287-8700.

BEZINGHAP APRIL 30
BROOKLYN—"Flash that Go Zap" at the Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation. For more info call 718-265-FISH.

SATURDAY, MAY 13
JERSEY CITY—Computer Workshops for youth 10-12 will be held at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3089.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Community Cultural Fair at Memorial Stadium from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-821-9090.

LUNDEN—The Linden Rotary Club will hold its annual scholarship fund-raising celebration. Events will include a Pancake breakfast and parade. For more info please call Leonard Rappa at 908-925-6565.

MAY 13, 20
JERSEY CITY—Saturday Art Workshop II: Art in 3D at Jersey City State College from 8 to 11 a.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

NORTH BRANCH—"The Little Star that Could" at Raritan Valley Community College for youth 10 and under at 1:30 p.m. For more info call 908-231-8805.

WORTH BRANCH—"True Illusions" at Raritan Valley Community College for youth over the age 8 at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-231-8805.

MAY 13, 14
NEW YORK—"Craste a Pop-up Moth" at the Children's Museum of the Arts every hour between noon and 3 p.m. For more info call 212-274-0888.

MAY 13, 14, 20, 21
SOUTH RIVER—"The Wizard of Oz" at South River High School Montgomery Street. For more info call 908-651-7455.

SUNDAY, MAY 14
PRINCETON—NJ Youth Orchestra, Danel High School Choir and Alumni Choir joint concert at Princeton University at 4 p.m. For more info call 908-771-5544.

TUESDAY, MAY 16
SUMMIT—"Wooden animal and designs workshop for children ages 6-10 at the NJ Center for Visual Arts from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. For more info call 908-273-8121.

Alice in Wonderland amuses children at Arts center

WATCHING—"We use an original rap number, a vaudeville number and plenty of laughs to entertain as well as educate the audience," explains Tara Langella of Enchanted Creations. A rap tune for Alice in Wonderland? Youngsters are thrilled, parents are amused. All are totally engaged for the one hour performance.

Enchanted Creations will premier Alice in Wonderland at the Watching Arts Center on Saturday afternoon, May 13, 1 p.m. The participatory theater is played in-the-round, with the youngsters involved in advancing the plot of the Lewis Carroll classic.

Early registration for kindergarten

NEWARK—Early registration for 1995-96 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes will be held May 15 to May 26, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at neighborhood schools.

Children who will be five years old on or before December 31, 1995 are eligible for kindergarten registration. Parents should accompany children to the school's main office for registration. A child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency are required. Current utilities bills are acceptable as proof of residency.

The Newark Division of Community Health, at 110 William Street, will provide free immunizations to children who have not obtained the required shots from

SEASIDE HEIGHTS—The Mayor and Police Chief in this popular show are appealing everyone to spread information in their communities that will help teens safely enjoy post-prom and graduation parties.

The resort is traditionally a popular site for the parties among teenagers from northern New Jersey and metropolitan New York. For some, the attraction is as much being away from adult supervision as it is the shore activities.

Seaside Heights is actively working to protect teens from their own bad choices, and to support parents and educators in efforts to keep them safe.

According to Mayor P. Kenneth Herby, "Seaside Heights will make every effort to assist teenagers to

enjoy after-prom or graduation visits. But they will be encouraged to come and enjoy the beach, boardwalk, and our amusement attractions, not for drinking and wild parties."

The effort began two months ago with increased surveillance of nightclubs for under age drinking violations. In two raids alone, seven teenagers were arrested and both establishments cited. There is no desire on the part of the resort to jail teenagers, but it will if necessary.

Police will be closely monitoring places where teenagers are staying for underage drinking and rowdiness. "Our message to young people is 'come on down and enjoy yourself, but forget about drinking,'" commented Police Chief James Costello. "The consequences of breaking the law will be

severe for under age drinkers and those who help them to break the law."

In addition, the community is working energetically to restore its position as a family resort. The recent police crackdowns are quickly restoring the desired atmosphere.

"Our information campaign is designed to communicate our expectations to visitors and to the businesses serving them in town," related Mayor Herby.

"Young people can have a wonderful, safe time here if we share the same expectations. We think that many of the teens will value what we are doing," he continued. "Part of being a teenager is testing the limits, yet most teenagers appreciate being prevented from taking the testing too far," the mayor concluded.

All-City honors for scholars and athletes

NEWARK—Student athletes who have excelled both on the field and scholastically were honored at "The Annual All-City Football Banquet" Wednesday, May 3.

Awards presented at the banquet were Scholar/Athlete, 1994 All-City Football Team, Most Valuable Player (Defensive) and Coach of the Year. Scholar/Athlete honorees include: Jose Tostado, senior, Barringer High School; Alan Brown, senior, Central High School; Manny Barbosa, senior, East Side High School; Bernard Cole, senior, Malcolm X Shabazz High School; Marlon Cumming, junior, Weequahic High School and Shaquill Odom, senior, West Side High School.

The 1994 All-City Football

Team's Most Valuable (Offensive) Player is Miguel Rodriguez, a senior and quarter back at East Side. Raymond Warren, a junior line backer at Malcolm X Shabazz is the MVP for the defensive team. Other notable players for the All-City Team include: Marlon Cumming, a kicker at Weequahic; and Rayjon Venabla, the specialist at Malcolm X Shabazz. Gary Westberry, East Side and Dave McComb, Barringer; Billy Ramos, senior,

Coach of the Year recognition.

All-City Offensive Team members include: Larkland Bellanfant, senior, Running Back, East Side; Allan Jeanty, senior, running Back, Malcolm X Shabazz; Shawn Curry, senior, Running Back, Central; Eric Child, junior, Receiver, Weequahic; Darrell Hall, senior, Receiver, Barringer; Thomas Caldwell, senior, Tackle, West Side; Sheppard Alston, junior, Tackle, Malcolm X Shabazz; Rubin Smith, senior, Guard, Barringer; Billy Ramos, senior,

Students earn chemical engineering award



NEWARK—Tung T. Nguyen of Plainfield, (left), receives a Mobil Chemical Company Merit Award from NJIT professor Gordon Lewandowski at NJIT's Department of Chemical Engineering, Chemistry and Environmental Science awards Ceremony. Nguyen is a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering in the Albert Dorman Honors College at NJIT. He is joined by fellow recipients, beginning second from left, Kaiwen Ma of East Newark, Marcella Bodner of Edison and Majid R. Rafiq of Irvington.

Guard, Malcolm K Shabazz and Phillip Holman, senior, Center, Weequahic.

All-City defensive team members include: Anthony Akonda, junior, defensive end, West Side; Joe Walker, junior, defensive end, East Side; Abdul Stevens, senior, nose tackle, Malcolm X Shabazz; Raymond Warren, junior, line backer, Malcolm X Shabazz; Rufano

Harley, senior, line backer, Weequahic; Rindell Kimbrough, senior, line backer, Central; Carlos Barna, senior, line backer, East Side; Irvin Calendar, senior, line backer, Malcolm X Shabazz; Nashawn Woodall, senior, defensive back, West Side; Rashone Washington, senior, defensive back, Barringer and Corey Hamlet, senior, defensive back, East Side.

Book worm & The Afrocentric Kids



Story by Greg Morehead

Artwork by Darnell Bradley



Should Betty Rubble be a vitamin?

PARSIPPANY—Where's Betty? "Spy" magazine was among the first to ask. Rosie O'Donnell, who played Betty Rubble in the Flintstones film, also asked this question during an interview on "Eye to Eye With Connie Chung," and the omission of Betty from the Flintstones Vitamin bottle inspired three musicians from Atlanta to form a band called "Betty's Not A Vitamin."

The makers of Flintstones Vitamins took note and have decided to let America decide Betty's fate. A prehistoric voting booth where consumers can cast their stones in the affirmative or negative will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, at Garden State Plaza in Paramus, New Jersey. Absentees can vote by calling the Flintstones 800-334-4843 until the end of May.

While chasing the White Rabbit, Alice tumbles down the rabbit hole into Wonderland. She meets all the famous residents: the Red Queen, the White Queen, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Gryphon, Mock Turtle, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and more. The children become the caterpillar, create the croquet match and are guests at the tea party.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 13

BLOOMFIELD—Songs of Spirit and Struggle at Brookdale Reformed Church at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-642-0133.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

EAST ORANGE—"March for Jesus" event. For more info or to be part of the March for Jesus Church call 201-643-4668.

PLAINFIELD—First Baptist Church Women's Society's Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. For more info call 908-755-5322.

HEALTH CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

TUNE IN—"Conversations with Carrie" a live call-in program which discusses various health topics can be heard from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on WPAT, 930 AM.

NOW THRU MAY 12

PLAINFIELD—Six-part information and support seminar on "Aging Issues for Those Who Care" at Muhlenberg Hospital on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-688-2328.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

IRVINGTON—Community High Blood Pressure Control Program, sponsored by the Dept. of Health's Nursing Division, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 501-399-6652.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

EAST HANOVER—"Learn The Ropes: Get The Equipment You Need" day-long seminar at Nabisco from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 800-249-3221 ext. 2372.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

LIVINGSTON—Wellness Festival at St. Barnabas Medical Center from noon to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-533-5000.

MAY 15, 22

LIVINGSTON—National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold newly diagnosed seminars at St. Barnabas Medical Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 201-984-6667 or 361-7686.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

MORRISTOWN—Morristown Memorial Hospital discussion of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in children, adolescents and adults. For more info call 201-971-5209.

NEWARK—Free health screenings at Columbus Hospital from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-268-1414.

PruCare and Saint Barnabas sponsor 'free wellness festival'

NEWARK—In an effort to educate women about ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle PruCare—The Prudential Health Care Plan—and Saint Barnabas Medical Center will sponsor a free Wellness Festival on Saturday, May 13.

Also, in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the festival includes a pavilion which will provide information about warning signs, risk factors and breast cancer screenings.

"Women have very unique health needs due to the specialized diseases for which they are at risk including osteoporosis, iron deficiency, breast cancer and heart disease," said Susan J. Weinstein, RN, BS, director of women's health education, Saint Barnabas. "Prevention is often the best treatment for women and preventive steps like exercise, stress management techniques, proper nutrition, regular checkups with your gynecologist and routine screenings for breast cancer should all be part of a woman's lifestyle."

According to Deborah Hammond, MD, executive director, PruCare of New Jersey, "Women should take advantage of preventive services such as prenatal care programs, PAP smears and mammograms, which are all offered through health maintenance organizations, like PruCare."

PruCare and Saint Barnabas offer these tips to women:

Exercise! Scientific evidence

proves that regular physical activity helps a woman's body maintain, repair and improve itself. In fact, recent studies indicate that exercise, combined with a balanced diet, is probably a woman's best protection against many diseases including heart disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and obesity.

Watch what you eat! New information about food that is good and bad for you seems to emerge daily. The most reliable recommendations are based on dietary guidelines published by the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. They recommend eating a variety of foods with plenty of fruits, vegetables and grains; maintaining a healthy weight; using sugar and salt in moderation; and limiting alcohol intake. To reduce the risk for heart disease, choose a diet low in fat and cholesterol. Limit intake of foods containing saturated fat such as meat and dairy products. And daily cholesterol intake should be limited to 250-300 milligrams.

Manage your stress! Stress-related disorders, such as alcoholism, heart disease, ulcers, hypertension and emotional distress, have become common among Americans, especially women. Incorporate these stress-reducers into your daily life: take long walks, do breathing exercises, stretch often, limit caffeine intake, take time to relax, and avoid drugs or alcohol to alleviate stress.

Schedule routine mammograms!

"These simple X-rays to detect breast cancer early are a woman's best defense against the disease. Evidence shows that nearly 9 out of 10 women whose cancers are discovered in the earliest stages will survive with early detection," said Karen Karlson, MD, chairwoman of the radiology department, Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Check with your health care provider to determine your own schedule and need for a mammography screening.

Learn more about prenatal care!

"Good prenatal care really begins well before a woman decides to have children. It begins with good general gynecologic health including an annual check-up, PAP test, proper diet and regular exercise, and a medical health assessment," said PruCare's Dr. Hammond. "In fact, many health care companies offer pregnancy support programs that help educate expectant mothers about taking care of themselves and their babies during pregnancy." For example, PruCare's Starting Right program provides members with health assessments, case management and prenatal education materials developed by The March of Dimes.

The Saint Barnabas and PruCare Wellness Festival will be held at the Islamic Auditorium, Saint Barnabas Medical Center, in Livingston, from 12-4 p.m. Activities for children are also planned including face painting, finger casting and a special appearance by the PruCare Bear. For more info call 201-533-5000.

Friends Meeting House offers Alternatives to Violence workshop

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Friends Meeting is offering two scholarships to the AVP (Alternatives to Violence) Workshop to be given at the Meeting House on Friday, May 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A graduate of the program has said, "If there is such a thing as a miraculous change, then I can truthfully say that it was through AVP. I began to grow from a person filled with hate, anger and despair into a person who believes that he, too, is responsible for the protection, preservation and enrichment of humanity."

How does the basic workshop work?

The basic AVP workshop focuses on primary conflict resolution skills. Step-by-step experiences and exercises focus on:

- Affirmation—Building self-esteem and trust.
- Communication—Improving both listening skills and assertive methods of expression.
- Cooperation—Developing cooperative attitudes that avoid competitive conflicts.
- Creative Conflict Resolution—Getting in touch with the inner "Transforming Power" to resolve violence.

By role playing, participants learn new and creative ways to respond to conflict situations.

Each workshop is limited to 20 participants.

What is the AVP Program?

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- A community program offering a new approach for community groups, social service agencies' youth organizations and anyone who would like to participate.
- A prison program, helping inmates learn new skills and attitudes that lead to fulfilling and crime-free lives.
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- An intensive learning experience, offering 3 day workshops on 3 levels:

1. The Basic Workshop
2. The Advanced Workshop
3. The Training for Trainers Workshop.

The Basic Workshop is being offered in Plainfield for the first time and focuses on primary conflict resolution skills. The cost is \$50.00 regular and \$35.00 for students and seniors and includes meals. Anyone interested in registering or obtaining a scholarship or in learning more about the program should contact Alan Taplow at the Plainfield Friends Meeting, 225 Watchung Avenue, by leaving a message at 757-5736.

Lupus foundation to hold annual meeting

NEWARK—The Metro/Essex County Branch Group of the Lupus Foundation of New Jersey will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m., at United Hospitals.

The topic will be announced at the time of the meeting. Patients, families and friends are all invited to attend.

Lupus Erythematosus is a chronic, inflammatory disease which affects an estimated two million Americans. Lupus can affect the joints, skin, heart, lungs, kidneys and other parts of the body. Although the dis-

ease is controllable in most people today, it can be fatal and there is still no known cause or cure.

The Lupus Erythematosus Foundation of New Jersey provides patient and family support services, information and referrals, public education about lupus and funds lupus research projects.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information about the meeting or about lupus, contact the Foundation Office in Newark at 201-791-7868.

Theta Phi Omega gives gift of sight

PLAINFIELD—Sorors of Theta Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (headquartered in Plainfield) have pledged their support to help give the gift of sight by collecting reusable plastic and metal framed eyeglasses, jewelry (real costume), single earrings, old hearing aids, old watches, and non-prescription sunglasses. These items will be donated to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., a nonprofit, internationally known organization located in Short Hills.

Every month, thousands of pairs of glasses are shipped from Short Hills to medical missions, hospitals, and clinics in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. In the United States, many people who cannot afford to pay for new prescription glasses receive them—paid for by New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., from funds acquired by melting down metal eyeglass frames and old jewelry.

Theta Phi Omega is encouraging all interested individuals or groups, including opticians, to set up collection boxes for donations. In addition, the sorors will pick up donations and deliver them to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., contact to Marilyn Erwin, 908-753-6460, or Anne Copper 908-7572180.

Report on the Congressional Black Caucus the state of the union

NEWARK—The Lecture Committee of Bethany Baptist Church honors the Honorable Donald Payne, Representative of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey, Friday, May 19, 1995 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Bethany Baptist Church, 275 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey. A reception is to follow; all are welcome to attend. Magdalene Little, President and Richard Cook, Chairperson.

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BILLBOARD

NOW THRU MAY 20
PISCATAWAY—"Lattice & Love," will be performed Friday and Saturdays at the Circle Playhouse. Call 908-968-7555.

NOW THRU MAY 21
NEW YORK—"Buck Train," a musical play on Fridays (7:30 p.m.), Saturdays (2:30 p.m.) and Sundays (3 p.m.) at the National Black Theater. For more info call 212-722-3800.

NOW THRU MAY 24
NEW YORK—"Performance 42nd" will appear Wednesdays at 3 and 8:30 p.m. at the Whitney Museum of American Art at 730 p.m. Call 212-878-2435.

NOW THRU JUNE
CLINTON—Comedy, No Hard Feelings will be performed at the Huntington Hills Playhouse. For more info call 1-800-MHP-7313.

NOW THRU JUNE 4
NEW YORK—"Carmen's Community" a play at the Castillo Theatre at 3 and 8 p.m. For more info call 212-941-1234.

MAY 5 - 21
ELIZABETH—"Kolofas" at the Elizabeth

Playhouse. Times vary. For more info call 908-355-0077.

MAY 5 - 26
METUCHEN—"Kiss the Bride" a play about a groom out to kill his bride at The Forum Theatre at 2:30 and 8 p.m. For more info call 908-548-0562.

MAY 11, 12
LINCOLN—Adult auditions for roles in Peter Pan, Fiddler on the Roof, Guys and Dolls at The Henderson Theatre at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-758-1118.

MAY 12, 13
FANWOOD—Philanthropists of Fanwood production of James Kirkwood's "UTBUT" at 8:30 p.m. Call 908-322-8886.

MAY 12 THRU JUNE 4
NEW BRUNSWICK—"O'More and Men" at George Street Playhouse. For more info call 908-246-7717.

MAY 12 - 14
JERSEY CITY—Pathmark Hispanic Arts Festival at Newport Centre Mall. Hours vary.

Denzel Washington stars in *Crimson Tide*

LOS ANGELES—Just when you thought the Cold War had cooled down, it's suddenly heated up again and Denzel Washington is in the thick of it.

When a volatile Russian nationalist and a rebel faction of the former Soviet Army seize control of a nuclear missile base, it triggers the greatest global emergency since the Cuban Missile Crisis, in Hollywood Pictures' dramatic action adventure submarine film "Crimson Tide" (opening nationwide May 12). With the world on the brink of disaster, the USS Alabama submarine sets sail, controlling Russian waters with enough nuclear firepower to start World War III.

As the crisis escalates, the unthinkable occurs: the Alabama is given an order to launch its nuclear missiles. In the resulting chaos, two

dedicated naval officers—the Alabama's seasoned commander, Captain Frank Ramsey (Gene Hackman), and his brilliant executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Ron Hunter (Denzel Washington)—clash over the validity of their orders and vie for control of the sub.

The two face a moment of truth when Hunter's insistence on operating by the book collides with Ramsey's aggressive, combat-proven instincts. Pitted against one another, the crew also find themselves caught in this mortal duel, torn between their loyalty to a captain they know and trust and the ethical dilemma posed by their new lieutenant commander who instigates a mutiny.

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Songstress Regina Belle is scheduled to woo the audience with a one-evening performance. The concert

will be on Saturday, May 20 with show time at 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

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Library announces poetry festival programs

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library and the Newark Writers Collective have announced the schedule of programs for the poetry festival. The schedule comprises a series of six events, ending June 10, to be held at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. Theme of the festival is "SpiritWeaving: The Ancient Art of Silent Healing."

On May 13, 2:00 p.m., Centennial Hall, the festival presents Group Griots: The Last Poets. These legendary Harlem-based progenitors of hip-hop—Umar Bin Hassan, Abiodun Oyewole, and DonBabaunde—are one of the most powerfully poetic ensembles of the late sixties/early seventies. Tanya Tyler-James is Mistress of Ceremony for the program.

The festival's next program lectures "Poets On Film." Scheduled for May 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's fourth-floor auditorium, is a collage of documentary footage, interviews, animation, and dramatization capture the visual work and intense life of New Jersey poet William Carlos Williams. A discussion of the films will be led by Jaleelah Karriem.

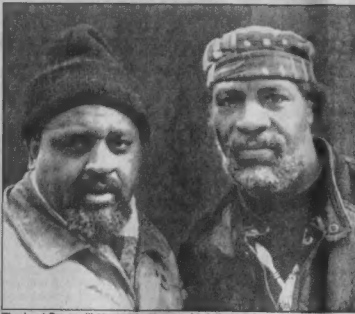
The June 1 program (6:30 p.m., Centennial Hall) presents Jose Cortez, the High Priestess of Verse. Author of nine books and producer of six recordings of poetry, Cortez's work is celebrated for its political, surrealistic, dynamic, and innovative use of poetic language and sound.

The SpiritWeaving festival continues on June 3 with a full day (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) of "WordShops" in various locations at the Library.

The morning (10:00 a.m. to noon) "WordShops" are All Around the PoetTree, for poets ages 10-15, with June C. Kay and Linda A.H. Walker as facilitators; Beyond the Poetic Form: Free Verse, with facilitator Kabu Okai Davies; and The Art of Performance Poetry, Tanya Tyler-James, facilitator.

Three "WordShops" are scheduled between 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.: The Art of Performance Poetry, Tanya Tyler-James, facilitator; Fusion of Poetic Forms: Haiku and the African You, Linda A.H. Walker, facilitator; Tapping the Creative Spirit: Where the Experience Begins, June C. Kay, facilitator. The last two "WordShops" are repeated from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The poetry festival concludes with an open invitation to all poets to read their original works on June 10 in Centennial Hall from 2:00 p.m. to



The Last Poets, (l) Umar Bin Hassan (r) Abiodun Oyewole

5:00 p.m. Ken Carter, Hardison, and N'jai are the facilitators for this poetrython.

For more information about the Spirit Weaving programs, please call

201-643-3606.

The Prudential Foundation provided funding for the festival, all programs are free and open to the public.

Village Vanguard celebrates 60th anniversary



Legendary jazz drummer Roy Haynes (l) and Carl Horton, vice president of marketing for Absolut, pause for the paparazzi during the Village Vanguard 60th Anniversary gala. Haynes, who played with such musical greats as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk, joined celebrities from past and present at the opening celebration, sponsored by Absolut Jazz.

FRONTLINE to air 'The Vanishing Father'

BOSTON—Once upon a time, the chances that a child would be raised by both parents through adolescence, were very high. Divorce was uncommon and unwed motherhood was taboo.

In less than two generations, all that has changed. Nearly one-third of babies are born to unwed mothers. Of those born in marriage, almost half will see their parents divorced before they turn 18.

"The Vanishing Father," a FRONTLINE report airing Tuesday, May 16, at 9 p.m., on PBS (check local listings), explores the concept that the traditional American family has been "deinstitutionalized."

The program looks at the evidence which scholars are uncovering about the impact this has had on children. The finding includes the notion that children from single-parent homes are twice as likely to drop out of high school, to become teenage mothers, and to spend time in jail.

"What they're finding is that children who grow up with a single parent are disadvantaged across a broad array of outcomes, regardless of race or economic class," says FRONTLINE producer DeWitt Sage.

Sage tracks not only the work of scholars who have been accumulating this data and its controversial implications, but also those who actually deal with the fallout of broken families.

In Kent County Michigan, Bill Camden is an employee of Friend of the Court, the office which oversees and enforces all issues of child custody, visitation, and support. His views are shaped by the family upheaval he sees.

"I happen to believe that two parents can raise a child better than one. And to get out of a marriage if you have minor children, upon the mere assertion that you're unhappy and that marriage institution has broken down, is a travesty on behalf of the children," Camden says.

What Camden sensed from practical experience, sociologist Sara McLanahan has learned from accumulating and analyzing data.

In careful studies over the next ten years, McLanahan, a professor at Princeton University, and a single mother was shaken by what she discovered. Her findings: children from single-parent homes (whether divorced or never married) were twice as likely to drop out of high school; twice as likely to become teenage mothers; twice as likely (for boys) to spend time in jail than children from intact families; one and one-half times as likely to be unemployed.

"These outcomes were true for children of all races—and for the rich as well as the poor," says McLanahan. Critics also consider McLanahan's work dangerous, fearing it will be misused by the media and exploited by foes of welfare and single moms.

"If the truth is unpleasant, we should know about it," says McLanahan. "We didn't talk about these problems at all for 10 years in

the '70s. And it got worse. It got more children into poverty."

Back in Michigan, where Bill Camden and Friend of the Court preside over family disputes, "The Vanishing Father" tracks individual stories of families coming apart. Some absent fathers flee their responsibilities, while others fight to stay a part of their children's lives.

On any given night, there are 20 "deadbeat dads"—fathers who have not paid their child support—in the county jail. But the system has achieved results. In Kent County, 85 percent of all court-ordered child support is collected, compared to only 67 percent nationally.

FRONTLINE is produced by a consortium of public television stations: WGBH Boston, WTVS Detroit, WPBT Miami, WNET New York, KCTS Seattle, KCTS Seattle.

Searching for Timbuktu



African Design: Heira to the Trans-Saharan Trade is on display at the Newark Museum. The exhibit deals with the history of trans-Saharan trade, and sheds light on how the arts of the people living north and south of the desert were affected. For library hours call 201-596-6638. Photo by Sarah Wells

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Rich man, poor man

by William Reed

Which side of the ledger are you on—rich man, or poor one? One in five people in the world lives on just \$1 a day, and 47 children are born into poverty every minute. The income gap between the richest and poorest people in the world has doubled since 1960.

Fully 40 percent of African-American children born in the 1990s entered into poverty, and unless this generation of African-American learns how to pool resources, an even greater number of black children to be born will face ever-increasing poverty.

If you've determined, at least for

the moment, that you are one of the poor ask yourself, "Is it etched in stone someplace that each of us, and our children, will continue to be the poorest, and most disadvantaged, of this country forever?" Is the solution to black underdevelopment to be left in the hands of those who live outside our community, or is the race's movement toward wealth something that is on each of our sides of the ledger?

Some of us have had the opportunity to live rich, as well as the opportunity to live poor. And, believe me, living rich is the better of the two. For example, those of us who've had the opportunity to reside in a Ritz-Carlton Hotel know that its "amenities" are

vastly superior to those we've experienced in, say, a Days Inn Hotel. The pumping, services and conveniences of a Ritz-Carlton are things that one could, and should, get used to.

While many in the black community try to rationalize their lack of economic prosperity by saying, "It is harder for a rich man to reach heaven than it is for a poor man to jump through the eye of a needle," many other African-Americans are of the opinion that they can live very comfortable and virtuous lives here on earth and still experience heaven.

Actually, some biblical passages contend that if a man uses his talents and wealth to help others he will be "assured" of a place in heaven. Hush, do you hear somebody calling your name to jump through the needle?

For those of us who realize the potential of collective black capital—the opportunities for riches—are all around us. For example, tourism and the hospitality industry are among the fastest growing segments of the world's economy.

African-Americans alone generate over \$30 billion-a-year in tourism dollars. Normally to attend numerous conferences, business meetings and family reunions, most blacks are transported in white-owned vehicles and planes to white-owned hotels. To explore how more of us might move from poor to rich, let's discuss the opportunities available in hotel ownership.

If the Urban Leagues, fraternities and sororities of our communities

draw tens of thousands of African-Americans to their conventions, why can't they hold their functions in facilities owned by people of color?

If there is so much black wealth contributed to the tourism industry, why are there less than ten black-owned hotels in the whole of the US? Why can't groups of black individuals, clubs and organizations pool their resources and build, or buy, a fine hotel facility in their cities?

While blacks are slow at learning the positive function of building together economically, we are quite good at the negative art of boycotting. A few years back blacks in the city of Miami brought that city to its knees with a boycott against tourism there.

After their settlement with the city of Miami, a group of African-Americans made a deal to build a black-owned hotel facility in that city. The group secured the Sheraton Hotel chain, to the tune of \$8 million, as a primary contributor to the project. Now, the Sheraton people have backed out of the deal citing "other priorities," and the black investors are hopping mad.

But, a question that should be considered before they boycott every Sheraton in the nation is this: "What happened to the scores of black organizations who originally boycotted Miami and its tourists? And why can't they assist the other blacks with the hotel's funding?" Hush now, surely you hear that somebody is calling your name to help lift the fortunes of

the poor.

It is time that we stopped begging the Sheratons of the world to help us and just help ourselves? One of the principal boycott leaders against the city of Miami was H.T. Smith, who is now president of the National Bar Association, a national group of black lawyers whose membership numbers in the thousands.

Why is it that black professionals such as our lawyers, doctors, preachers and educators can talk "the talk" about the need for black economic development, but can't walk "the walk" when it comes to funding black enterprises such as the Miami hotel project?

Much talk goes on in the African-American community each day about "affirmative action" we hope to gain from white people. But don't you hear somebody calling on you saying, "Isn't it about time that we realized that the only affirmative actions will have to be on our part, to pool our monies and talents and build not only hotels, but the whole of our community?" Surely racism comes into the picture when we ask general community banks, developers and mortgage companies to fund our development projects for us.

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ing Institute has been set for Saturday, May 20 in Toronto, Canada. Toronto has Canada's largest black population. The event is being co-sponsored by Otu Obot (716-884-8124) and Francis Omurly (416-363-1352). Interested persons can contact either of these individuals to call the national office at 800-476-1821. The seminars present programs and strategies blacks can use to build personal, family and community wealth.—TORONTO, CANADA

BLACKS LOSING GROUND DESPITE EDUCATIONAL GAINS

Education was supposed to be the thing which lifted blacks to economic and social equality with whites. But a study released last week concludes that African-Americans are falling further behind whites in wages and employment rates although the educational gap between blacks and whites has narrowed significantly in recent years. For example, explains study author

Jared Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute, in 1993 the median level of education achieved by black males over age 25 was 12.6 years. This compares to 12.8 years for whites. But the study found that there had not been a corresponding increase in wages and employment for blacks. Indeed, says Bernstein, "black wages and employment gains have generally been negative relative to those of whites."—WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT RECRUITING BLACK CONTESTANTS

The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D.C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information

and registration materials for preliminary pageants in their areas by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035.—WASHINGTON, DC

NEW POVERTY DEFINITION TO RAISE NUMBER OF POOR

The National Academy of Sciences will soon be recommending what it considers a more accurate way of defining poverty in America and if the new definition is adopted, the number of people officially classified as poor could rise by as much as four million. Essentially, the new definition would consider income after taxes instead of before taxes.—WASHINGTON, DC

GILLESPIE TRUMPET SELLS FOR \$63,000

Dizzy Gillespie's original bent bell trumpet sold for \$63,000 during an auction at Christie's last week. The Jazz great died in 1993. The bent bell trumpet was a Gillespie trademark.—NEW YORK, NY

SINGER BOBBY BROWN ARRESTED

Singer Bobby Brown and two companions were arrested last week in Orlando, Florida following a fight over a woman. Another man became angry when he saw Brown talking to his girlfriend. Brown is the husband of singer Whitney Houston.—ORLANDO, FL

CORETTA SCOTT KING IS 68

The widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrated a birthday last week. Coretta Scott King was 68.—ATLANTA, GA

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counselors and staff from across the district, was put together to help children and parents cope with the ordeal.

Plainfield Police Sgt. Donald Moye who was not at the meeting confirmed there were no charges of criminal intent in the search of the children. "In terms of touching the children, none of that was going on as far as we can tell," says Sgt. Moye.

Parents and staff will be included in the search for a new principal for the 1995/1996 school year at Jefferson Elementary School.

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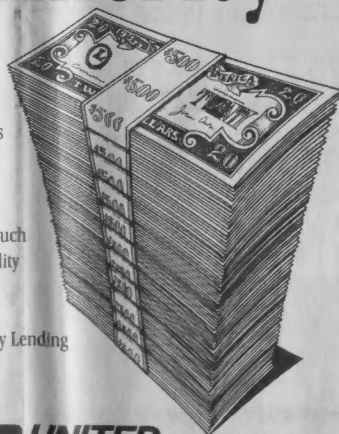
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Farrakhan

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edness," he says. According to Farrakhan, blacks are constantly being called upon to make a change in their lives by God. He asked "How long is it going to take to answer the call? You heard the call, but what do you do about it...everyone of us is procrastinating about something we need to get a hold on."

The reason the world is "going to hell" he says is because it is run by men and there is no balance in America. "Women represent balance to the powers and authorities that be, and when we work together, as God intended for us to do, we bring the whole thing to order and balance."

Farrakhan says the change starts with the "man in the mirror" and that blacks need to strive to live righteously. "You can't be a dope head, hang out at the crack-house and say I'm gonna change. If you really want to change you have to get away...put some distance between you and the company that you keep that is keeping you in disobedience of God," he reminded.

He also advised women to protect their children, in particular, their daughters, from not only unknown persons but from their own fathers. Farrakhan says according to The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, men should not be involved with the changing of their daughters "that's what the woman is for, and the man should be out supporting the woman and child."

"For every little girl, the first man they fall in love with is usually their father. He becomes the standard by which this young girl will always measure men. But some fathers don't know how to accept the pure, innocent love of a young girl. The minister recalled when he was a young Muslim, his wife told him the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said she shouldn't leave their daughter home alone with him. It's not like that, at that time I was offended. But because of some

of the cases I have heard, I soon came to understand why he said that," said Farrakhan. "He told us to 'cover your little daughters' and now I'm telling you. You think it's cute to put these little short clothing on these little babies. You think it's cute for them to shake their behinds like grown people, but as a mother you are a protector of your children, particularly your daughters."

The minister stated that job...he doesn't need to be more responsible for whom they become involved with, especially where children are involved. "I don't give you women no credit for bringing these no good bums into your house—he doesn't have a car, apartment, job...He doesn't have anything but a penis and you bring him in your house? If he can't do anything for himself he can't do anything for you."

"And men," he scolded, "women are not to be played with. A woman is a responsibility. If you're not a responsible man, you don't need no woman...It takes more than sex and a penis to take care of a woman..." Denouncing rape the minister belatedly, "When you hurt a woman like that Brothers, the penalty in the world of God is death. Do you know why? ...Because she can never give to a man what God put in her nature to give after she's been hurt like that."

Farrakhan says men need to own up to their responsibilities of being a father. "Are you a father or are you just a seed planter? God didn't make you to just plant a seed, dogs do that. So I ask you, are you a dog or are you a God? Dog is God spelled backwards and a dog is a man turned

backwards." He says if black men attempted to fulfill their duties as men and fathers, then maybe the black woman would stop talking against him. "She has the power to turn them [your children] against or toward you. Why let your women turn your children against you...don't procrastinate one more minute in everything you do, try to do it right."

"...So I am asking you to treat people the way you want to be treated and start in the houses and with your children."

The NOI leader brought roars of applause as he savored his purpose, identity, and feelings towards whites and Jews. "I'm a special-made man. Made to do exactly what I'm doing...I don't plan to live another day if I can't liberate my people..."

"I don't hate white people because of the color of their skins. Look at the color of mine. I don't hate Jews because they are Jewish—What kind of a human being would I be? I hate liars and cheats...Who are white people that they cannot be critical for their wicked behavior? Who are Jews that I can't tell them when they have offended God and humanity and what kind of punk man would I be if I hid the truth?"

Farrakhan ended his address by asking the audience for their support of his One Million Men on Washington March in mid-October of this year. The march is an attempt to promote black unity, get blacks to vote and Congressional reforms detrimental to African Americans.

The Newark City Council awarded Farrakhan with "The Newark City Seal" the highest honor given by the city.

Bombing

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active action, he has yet to endorse any measures that would eradicate any of the 160 federal affirmative action programs currently in existence.

With a March 17-19 CNN-USA Today poll showing that 65 percent of Blacks believe affirmative action programs should be increased, and Jesse Jackson threatening a run for the Democratic Presidential nomination, the President has been reluctant to do more than endorse the creation of a special commission to monitor the long-term impact of affirmative action programs.

Nevertheless, the President risks losing the support of conservative Democrats and California voters in the 1996 Presidential election if affirmative action is not scaled back. Meanwhile, the Congress has helped push the issue into the spotlight by scheduling hearings on whether affirmative action serves a useful purpose, and Republican Presidential contender Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX) and Bob Dole (R-KS) have called for a reevaluation of federal race-based policies.

Even if one ignores ethical and judicial problems with affirmative action, says Peter Kirsanow, Project 21 member and author of the New Visions Commentary "The Affirmative Action Experiment Has Been A Colossal Failure," preferential policies should be eliminated because they are ineffective.

The Center for Study of American Business at Washington University placed the cost of affirmative action and race norming to the economy at \$236 billion dollars. That's more than \$25,000 a year for each black family of four. So what has this protracted affirmative action effort wrought? Median black family income in 1971 was 61 percent of that for white families. Today it is only 54 percent of white family income.

In 1975, the earnings of black males were 74.3 percent of that of white males. Today black men earn 74 percent as much as white men. Although blacks constitute nearly 13 percent of the country's population, blacks make up only 4 percent of doctors, 3.7 percent of engineers, and

3.3 percent of lawyers. "Considerable evidence is building that any black economic advancement in the last three decades is substantially attributable to equal employment opportunity legislation, improvements in mobility and technology and the emergence of a global economy, not preferential policies," the commentary read.

"A vicious circle is developing that must be stopped," states Project 21 member Darrell Tyler, a member of Virginia's Republican Black Caucus. "If it is all right to discriminate in favor of blacks over whites today to redress past discrimination, will it be all right for whites to ask for the same remedy over blacks in the future?"

To paraphrase Dr. Thomas Sowell, advocates of affirmative action evade the fundamental question. Shall applicants for jobs, colleges, or 1,000 other things be judged according to their own individual qualifications or according to some numerical standard of group representation?"

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Black Caucus

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will conduct workshops on legislative issues of particular interest to African Americans. The workshop will be a general session on Friday evening, May 19, 1995, and an all-day session on Saturday, May 20, 1995.

The conference is being convened by six organizations including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Association of Black County Officials, the National Black Caucus of Legal/Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. For more information call Kelvin Dickerson at 202-675-6730.

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Also, there will be a youth jazz ensemble to entertain the group. By letting the youth express themselves in a controlled situation, with adults listening. Dr. Ben Williams, state district assistant attendant said he believes they are given an increased sense of self-esteem and control. And that is an important part of a child's upbringing. Dr. Williams also feels this is an important turning point in an effort to turn the community in a positive direction.

The Paterson high schools youth summit council will be providing ongoing forums so the community can hear the youth.

Taylor agrees with Franklin D. Roosevelt, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

For more information regarding the youth summit, please call Veronica Taylor at 201-790-6118.

How to survive today's economy?

METUCHEN—A two-day seminar for business and individuals who have retired within the last three years, will be held on Thursday, May 11 and Saturday, May 13.

The seminar is designed to educate people about the economy, investments, inflation, and retirement. The workshop will be held at Cayan's restaurant in Metuchen at 7 p.m. with the Saturday seminar being held at the Paine Webber office in Edison. For reservations call Maxine Aloor at 800-932-0093 or 908-494-4795.

Flag

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bate over this amendment has become something of a black/white issue. That's unfortunate, because the only colors that are important in this discussion are red, white and blue. Why this issue has become so polarized I'm not sure. But among an all-too-vocal minority of African Americans the flag is seen as a "white people's thing."

That's why it always saddens me that every time I fly the flag I'm told that people who live in the inner city with all its problems do not fly the American flag.

They ask me, "Have you sold out to white folks? Have you been brainwashed?" No, I just happen to believe in the flag and I happen to believe in the country where I was born.

I often attend ceremonial events in inner city schools where it's clear children are not being taught the proper respect for the flag. They aren't being taught that when the flag passes you put your hand over your heart. One time I put my hand over my heart as the flag was passing and someone asked, "What's the matter, don't you feel good?" Children today need to learn the same lesson taught to me by

Dr. King. You were born here, you are Americans," you should respect the flag.

No, Dr. King did not say this country was perfect. But he did teach that you don't forsake our country. Our country and our government often deserve to be criticized, and as Americans we have the freedom to do just that. The flag symbolizes that freedom—the right to say what I want, to praise or criticize as I see fit. There are many places in this world where you can't do that. But it's a precious right we enjoy in this country. And the red, white and blue symbol of that freedom deserves constitutional protection.

Men and women of all races have served and died in defense of our flag. It waves for all of us—regardless of color. It represents the freedoms we all enjoy—regardless of color. It's time for those of us in the silent majority of African Americans to speak up in support of the flag and the flag protection amendment.

Reverend Stewart lives in Washington, DC. The African American Women's City Association is a nationwide organization with more than 7500 members.

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Plainfield recycling pick-up day shifts to Thursday

PLAINFIELD—Public Works Director, Eric Watson, announced that Plainfield's Recycling Day is moving from Tuesdays to Thursdays starting on Thursday, May 18th.

"The move is part of the adjustment to Advanced Recycling Technology (ARTS) Systems, Inc.'s collection process. We expect some confusion during transition, however, the move to Thursdays, along with collections, will upgrade our residential curb-side recycling service," said Watson.

Residents will receive flyers with information on the new pick-up schedule and recycling requirements during the first two weeks in May. David

Ervin, the city's recycling coordinator, said, "Our recycling volume has resulted in collections requiring two days and sometimes three days for missed pick-ups."

"Plainfield will be the only town serviced by our recycler (ARTS) on Thursday and the move makes more manpower and equipment available for collections in Plainfield."

Under this schedule, the city will no longer be divided, but will be picked up on the same day, every other Thursday, on alternating weeks starting May 18, then June 1, 15, 29, etc. City buildings, public schools and certain apartment complexes only, will receive collection service on Thursdays on a week-

ly basis.

The shift to commingled collection allows all recyclable glass, plastics and aluminum/tin cans to be placed in one container rather than up to five separate containers as before.

Residents can report missed pick-ups or other collection complaints directly to ARTS on its manned Hotline at 908-862-0101. Missed pick-up calls should not be placed until after 3:00 p.m. of the Thursday scheduled for pick-up. General recycling information request or complaints can be placed with the Plainfield Recycling Coordinator on 908-753-3403.

Malcolm X birthday celebration scheduled

NEWARK—The annual celebration of the birthday of Malcolm X will be held Friday May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel.

The event is being sponsored by the Malcolm X Commemoration Coalition which consists of various organizations from New Jersey's African-American Community.

"We are honoring Malcolm X because of his contributions to the black liberation struggle. He is a symbol of African-American unity and resistance to racist oppression," coalition chairman Lawrence Hamm said.

Guest speakers at this year's program

will include Dr. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, and Dr. James Turner, National Coordinator of the Malcolm X Commemoration Commission.

Dr. Turner, a political sociologist, is a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He is Chairman Emeritus of the university's African Studies and Research Center which he founded and directed for a number of years.

Turner has done extensive research on the life of Malcolm X over the past 15 years. And as a former resident of Harlem, knew Malcolm

X personally during the time the Malcolm was recognized as a leader in the black community.

Malcolm X awards will be presented at the commemoration. "Poet and playwright Amiri Baraka and others will be recognized for their contributions to the African-American struggle for freedom, justice, and equality," Hamm said.

The program will also include music, poetry, a pre-program youth panel discussion at 4:00 p.m., and resolutions on key issues and activities facing the black community.

As I see it

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aligned with Irvington Mayor Sara Bost who beat up and beat out Mike Steele for mayor last year.

Bost is reportedly leery about having Steele as her Assemblyman, fearing he will not push as hard as he could or should for state help for Irvington.

Last year, one of Steve's most trusted friends helped win a victory for Bost and continues to be a volunteer advisor to the mayor who works closely with her on the Board of Preadoles.

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The woman's vote in Essex County looms very big this year as female

activists ponder the question of whether or not they are treated differently than men in the body politic.

Several have reported leadership efforts to intimidate them into supporting the Line A team. To remain loyal to the party or suffer the consequences.

But they are also mindful that County Clerk Pat Drake was one of those loyalists last year and this year is being treated like Public Enemy No. 1 by the leadership, having to run without official endorsement in spite of more than 25 years of service to the party.

For now there appears to be a lot

of female sympathy and support out there for Drake who is campaigning hard as the underdog in this year's primary election. She is making the most of her familiarity with the office where she has been employed for more than 25 years, of the fact she was ceremoniously dumped by the party and on her recognition factor.

It may not have started out as a gender war, but that appears to be how the 1995 primary election is shaping up and there are thousands of women out there to prove they are equal to the challenge of protecting their hard earned gains as a force with clout.

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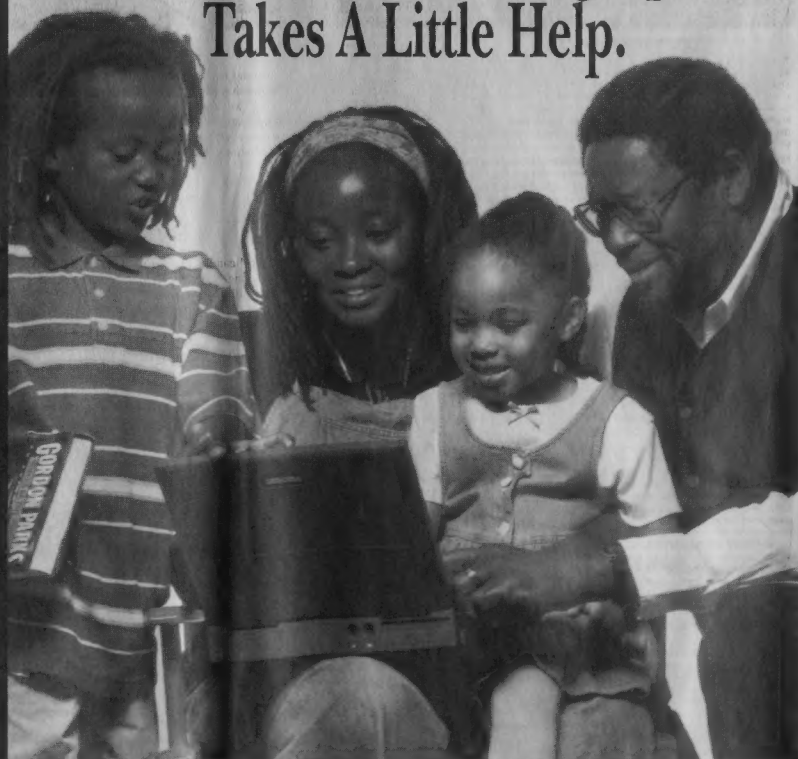
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